

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

**Wednesday, October 5, 2005**

**9:00 A.M. Room 521 House Office Building**

**Chairman Sheen** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Jones, Marleau, Condino, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (15/17)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Stakoe, Zelenko. (2/17)

**Representative Meyer** moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2005 meeting.

**Representative Condino** supported the motion. Without objections, the minutes were approved.

**Representative Palmer** moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Miller** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

**Chairman Sheen** laid **HB 4271** before the committee.

HB 4271	Hune	Property tax; classification; agricultural operations; expand definition of livestock.
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**Representative Joe Hune**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Chairman Sheen** laid **SB 501** before the committee.

SB 501	Birkholz	Property tax; payment and collection; delinquent tax collection process; revise.
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**Amanda Price**, from Senator Birkholz's Office, testified before the committee in support of **SB 501**.

**Karen Makay**, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, testified before the committee in support of **SB 501**.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **SB 501** but did not wish to speak.

**Peggy Johnson**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, turned in a testimony card in support of **SB 501** but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Gosselin** moved to report **SB 501**, with recommendation. **Representative Jones** supported the motion.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Hoogendyk, Jones, Marleau, Condino, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (13/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Chairman Sheen** laid **HB 4841** and **HB 5211** before the committee.

HB 4841	Gosselin	Sales tax; exemptions; federal gasoline tax; exclude from gross proceeds.
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HB 5211	Gosselin	Sales tax; collections; sales tax collection on gasoline; provide for cap.
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**Representative Robert Gosselin**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Peggy Johnson**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4841** and **HB 5211**.

**Andrew Lockwood**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4841** and **HB 5211**.

The following people turned in testimony cards in opposition to **HB 4841** and **HB 5211** but did not wish to speak:

**Don Olendorf**, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association.

**Brad Biladeau**, representing the Michigan School Administrators Association.

**Arnold Weinfeld**, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

**Brian Whiston**, representing Oakland Schools.

The following people turned in testimony cards in opposition to **HB 5211** but did not wish to speak:

**Ed Noyola**, representing the County Road Association of Michigan.

**James Ryan**, representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association.

**Chairman Sheen** laid **HB 4072**, **HB 4468** and **HB 4764** before the committee.

HB 4072	Hildenbrand	Property tax; exemptions; horse boarding stables; classify as agricultural real property.
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HB 4468 Stahl Property tax; classification; hunting preserves licensed by the department of natural resources; classify as agricultural property.

HB 4764 Hoogendyk Property tax; classification; certified tree farm; classify as agricultural property.

**Chairman Sheen** returned to consideration of **HB 4271**.

HB 4271 Hune Property tax; classification; agricultural operations; expand definition of livestock.

**Representative Dave Hildenbrand**, sponsor of **HB 4072**, testified before the committee.

**Ron Nelson**, representing Michigan Farm Bureau, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4072**, **HB 4271**, **HB 4468** and **HB 4764** in concept.

**Peggy Johnson**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4072**, **HB 4271**, **HB 4468** and **HB 4764**.

**Kirk Profit**, representing the Masco Corporation, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4072** but did not wish to speak.

**Representative John Stahl**, sponsor of **HB 4468**, testified before the committee.

**Jim Trinklein**, representing the Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders and Hunting Preserves, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4468**.

**Curt Johnson**, representing the Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders and Hunting Preserves, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4468**.

**Jim Rypkema**, representing the Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders and Hunting Preserves, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4468**.

**Woodrow Thompson**, representing Willow Lake Sportsmen's Club, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4271** and **HB 4468**.

The following people turned in testimony cards regarding the legislation but did not wish to speak:

**Terri Trinklein**, representing the Michigan Association of Gamebird Breeders and Hunting Preserves, in support of **HB 4468**.

**Kirk Profit**, representing the Masco Corporation, in support of **HB 4468**.

**Brad Ward**, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, in support of **HB 4468**.

**Robert Patzer**, representing Hunter's Ridge Club, in support of **HB 4468**.

**Jason Dinsmore**, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, in support of **HB 4468**.

**Richard Hudson**, representing the Michigan Game Birds Association, in support of **HB 4468**.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in opposition to **HB 4468**.

**Mickey Knight**, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, in opposition to **HB 4271**, **HB 4468** and **HB 4072**.

**Marsha Gray**, representing the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, in support of **HB 4764**.

**Representative Jack Hoogendyk**, sponsor of **HB 4764**, testified before the committee.

**Des Jones**, representing the Michigan Tree Farm System, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4764**.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4764**.

**Gordon Terry**, representing the Michigan Forest Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4764**.

**Jason Dinsmore**, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4764** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:39 a.m.